

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

New claims 27-32 and 33-38 are supported by originally filed claims 4-9 and do not add new matter. The amendments to claims 2 and 3 are supported on page 42, lines 18-24 and page 43, lines 4-9.

Election

Applicants elect Group II (claims 2 and 3) and species D, “*in vitro*.” Claims 2, 3, and new claims 27-38 read on the elected species.

Scope of Claims 2 and 3

On page 2, the Restriction Requirement notes that claims 2 and 3 “appear to recite the same subject matter.” The scope of claims 2 and 3 is not identical. Claim 2 recites a step of determining activity in the presence of the test compound and a step of determining activity in the absence of a test compound; claim 3 does not require the latter step. Claim 3 recites a step of determining activity in the presence of a test compound and a step of determining activity in the presence of a regulator of KLK8; claim 2 does not require the latter step.

Respectfully submitted,

BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

/Lisa M. Hemmendinger/

By: _____

Lisa M. Hemmendinger
Registration No. 42,653

Date: April 23, 2008

Customer No. 22907